



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve Public Works to acquire one roadway striping truck at a total cost of \$330,000 budgeted in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This request is to comply with the County Equipment Policy (Policy) that your Board approved on October 16, 2001. This Policy requires Board approval prior to County departments purchasing/financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater. Therefore, we are requesting approval to purchase a replacement striping truck budgeted in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

This purchase is a replacement for an existing striping truck used for applying traffic line marking stripes.

The existing unit has exceeded established replacement criterion of 7,500 hours or 12 years. The cost to replace the striping truck is expected to exceed \$250,000. The expected life of a new striping truck is 7,500 hours or 12 years.

It is recommended that Public Works replace this unit with a new striping truck for the following reasons:

- It will be more reliable than the existing unit for striping operations throughout the County.
- It will have less downtime for repair and maintenance.
- It will improve worn traffic markings and provide for safer roads.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence, Organizational Effectiveness, and Fiscal Responsibility. This action will enable Public Works to continue to provide County residents with enhanced responsive, efficient, and effective road maintenance.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact to net County cost as a result of this purchase. The cost for this acquisition is estimated to be \$330,000 and is included in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a Policy whereby departments will obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to purchasing.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The approval of this request will enable Public Works to continue to perform its routine street maintenance activities in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

Your approval will allow Public Works to replace outdated maintenance equipment and continue to provide street maintenance services to County residents.

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**CONCLUSION**

One adopted copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel